House Resolution 29

By: Representatives Amerson of the 9th, Bridges of the 10th, Ralston of the 7th, Mosley of the 178th, Franklin of the 43rd, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the United States Congress to enact legislation declaring English as the official

2 language of the government of the United States; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the United States is comprised of individuals and groups from diverse ethnic,

4 cultural, and linguistic backgrounds; and

5 WHEREAS, the United States has benefited and continues to benefit from this rich diversity;

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7 WHEREAS, throughout the history of the nation, the common thread binding those of

8 differing backgrounds has been a common language; and

9 WHEREAS, in order to preserve unity in diversity, and to prevent division along linguistic

10 lines, the United States should maintain a language common to all people; and

11 WHEREAS, English has historically been the common language and the language of

12 opportunity in the United States; and

13 WHEREAS, by learning the English language, immigrants will be empowered with the

14 language skills and literacy necessary to become responsible citizens and productive workers

15 in the United States; and

16 WHEREAS, the use of a single common language in the conduct of the government's official

17 business will promote efficiency and fairness to all people; and

18 WHEREAS, English should be recognized in law as the language of official business of the

19 government.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF

2 GEORGIA that this body urges the United States Congress to enact legislation declaring

3 English as the official language of the government of the United States.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized

5 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to President George W. Bush,

6 the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of

7 Representatives, and each member of the Georgia congressional delegation.